

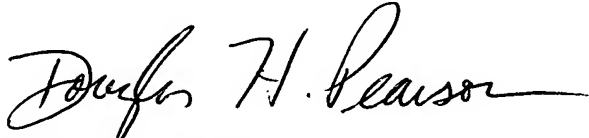
new Office Action would be issued, and that the response period would be restarted.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the Office Action of April 23, 2004 be withdrawn and a new Office Action issued. Applicants look forward to receiving the new Office Action and appreciate the Examiner's assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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